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### WASHINGTON ETIQUETTE.

THE QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE IN THE CABINET SETTLED.

ies Bayard, as Hestess for Her Father, Has the Right of Precedence Over All Other Ladies in the Cabinet Circle—Mrs. Vilas Will Move Down One Place When Her Husband is Made Secretary of the Interior—The Question of "First Calls" Between the Cabinet and Senate, Families.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- In several particufars social life promises to run along pretty noothly in Washington this season. Etiquette at the White House. Long established eti-quette defines the position and duties of the President and of the President's wife, or the hostess, whether she is the wife, daughter, or sister of the President. It is not so easy to dispose of the Cabinet, and frequently the ques-tion of precedence becomes a perplexing as well as a vexing one. Now, however, there can White House on official occasions. As the daughter of the Secretary of State, and, since her mother's death, hostess for her father, Miss Bayard is entitled to and has the right of precedence over all other women in the Cabinet circle. It is not whether Miss Bayard will or will not choose to fill her proper place, which is the first in the receiving line, on the the wife of the Secretary of State takes precedence over the wives of other Cabinet officers: and, simply, that if he has no wife, his daughter, who is the recognized head of his house, has the recognized right to fill her mother's place by precedence elsewhere. Of course, elsewhere means at the White House receptions and when dinners are given in honor of the Cabinet. To be sure, the wives of the other Cabinet officers are older women, some of them much older. But that has nothing to do with the case. Years and experience have no part in the official etiquette regulating precedence. So, if Miss Bayard chooses, she will take the first place on Mrs. Cleveland's right when the women of the Cabinet circle form the line of assistants at receptions given by the President. Miss Bayard cannot be much older or much younger than Mrs. Cleveland, and the two will be the youngest women in the line. Mrs. Lamar is perhaps the oldest woman, and her position as the wife of the Secretary of the Interior put her at the foot of the line last season. It seems a trifle inconsistent that, while the appointment of the Postmaster-General to be Secretary of the Interior is re-

garded as something of a promotion for him, it reduces his wife in precedence at the White House. If Mr. Vilas becomes Secretary of the Interior, Mrs. Vilas must move one place down the line at the White House receptions. In the matter of power and influence the Secretary of the Interior stands a peg higher than the Postmaster-General, but official rank reverses, or rather gives the latter the peg of precedence. There seems but one reason in the world, and it is because the Post Office Depart-ment was created before the Interior Department. And this reason goes all through the Cabinet. The rank or precedence is deter-mined by the age of the department of which the Cabinet officer is the head. So there are the State. Treasury, War, Navy, Post Office, and Interior Departments. The Department of Justice comes in between the Post Office and Interior, or did when the beautiful Mrs. Brewster, the wife of Attorney-General Brewster, was one of President Arthur's Cabinet circle. But the present Attorney-General and family are never seen at the White House, befamily are never seen at the White House, beyond the presence of Mr. Garland at the semiweekly Cabinet meetings. Therefore, under
the present Administration, the Department of
Justice "does not count" in official society.
It is but fair to the women to declare that
they are no greater stickiers for their rights
than the Cabinet officers themselves. Nobody
would pretend or presume to deny that each
man in the Cabinet has his own particular seat
at the table in the Cabinet room, and any
change of the order of precedence would situp a greater breese among the men than could

be possibly blown up among their wives by any upheaval or revolution in the receiving line or radical change in the law of etiquette determining places at the state dinner parties. The men of the Cabinet are just as exacting and tenacious of their official rights as their wives are of their social rights. The only difference is that men are more discreet than women. The Cabinet officers would "settle the hash" among themselves. Their wives, with the natural gift of women, talk, and in talking it all over they let everybody else know all about the fuss. Happily, there is no prospect of any serious questions of procedence coming up this season. The near future shows only the mild and amiable change in the line necessitated by the withdrawal of Mrs. Lamar when Secretary Lamar becomes Justice Lamar of the Supreme Court, and at the same time Mrs. Vilas steps in her place when the Post-

of the Supreme Court, and at the same time Mrs. Vilas steps in her place when the Postmaster-General becomes Secretary Vilas. Mrs. Vilas can do this as well as any woman in the line. She is a pretty woman, of pleasing manners, and invariably well dressed.

While the precadence question does not loom up as a disturbing element, on the other hand there is the very serious and awful first cull struggle assuming its threatening attitude, and ready to break forth without a moment's warning. No, it is not settled. The peaceable adjustment is as far off as it was last year. The only thing is that, by a tacit understanding, the wives of Cabinet officers and the wives of Senators are not going to work themselves to death by ruturning in person the calls of the general callers on regular reception days. This is sensible and not to be found fault with. They open their houses once a week—Cabinet families, on Wednesday, Senators' families on Thursday—and receive all who desire to call. These afternoons are really public receptions, and strangers are privileged to call, always by card, of course. Etiquette obliges the hostess to extend her hospitality to the stranger equally with the friend. Now, in return, if the stranger, who is the visitor of a week or a fortnight at the capital, would be considerate enough to omit his or her address it would be the most sensible and kindest thing to do. The name is sufficient, and with the name only there can be no indication that the visitor expects the call to be returned. It is a favor to the hostess, and, indeed, it is due the Washington hostess, who, more than any other, has her life here made a burden by the labor of returning visits. Why should a stranger, the recipient of such hospitality, expect or exact return calls? Is it not enough that he is, or she is, received and entertained by the families of officials, as he or she would not and could not be anywhere else on the face of the globe? It would seem that a little thoughtful consideration would open his or her specified. The

these cards, the hostess could have put them aside as polite receipts of her hospitality, and that would have been the end of it.

But to come back to the burning question of first calls between the Cabinet and Senate families. Nobody can tell when the contest will cease, if it ever does cease under this Administration, with which it began. It now has the outlook of a four years' war.

"Have you heard what they intend to do?" asked a Senator's wife the other day. "They meant the wives of the Cabinet officers. "Do you know what they have decided on?" asked one of the Cabinet circle the very next day. "They," meant the Senators' wives.

Last year the Cabinet women were divided on the question. Some of them called first on the Senators' wives. Others stood out, or stood their ground, and did not yield an inch. The Senatorial ranks were also very firm; consequently there was a sparse interchange of calls between the contending forces. Cabinet families claim superiority because a part of the Administration and their nearness to the President. Senate women say. The Cabinet is made by comfirmations of the Senate. So the talk goes on, but first calls are at a standstill. Nobody budges on either side.

Meanwhile the husbands and fathers are jogging on after the old custom or etiquette, requiring Cabinet officers have been punctificate things at all. For a quarter of a century at least, Cabinet officers have been punctillous about sending cards to \*all Senators during the first week of Congress. The present Cabinet officers are no exception, and last week their visiting cards went flying about at the greatest rate in the formal "first calls" of the Senators. But no man, or rather no woman, can say when the "first calls" hostilities will cases between the women of the Cabinet and Senators. But no man, or rather no woman, can say when the "first calls" hostilities will case between the women of the Cabinet and Senators. But no man, or rather no woman, all senators are to exception, and last week their visiting cards went f

ing him President of the Senate does not warrant her in reversing the order of stiquette between the wives of senior and junior Senators. It is a fixed law that the wife of a new or junior Senator must call first on the wife of an old or senior Senator; and Mrs. Ingalls, without thinking of her new honors or having the fear that she would weaken the dignity of her new position, started out promptly, as on former seasons, to call on the families of Senators who have been longer in the Senate than her husband. Going to Senator Morrill's house, she was asked, laughingly:

"Why, what are you here for? You know we must call on you first, now that Senator Ingalls is President of the Senate."

"What nonsense that would be," said Mrs. Ingalls. "Of course I am very glad and proud of the compliment to my husband, but I hope you do not think I am so foolish as to include present to such a degree as to turn calling

of the compliment to my husband, but I hope you do not think I am so foolish as to include myself to such a degree as to turn calling etiquotte all around, and exact first calls, just because Senator Morrill helped to make my husband President of the Senate." Then she added, laughing: "Don't try to send me home. I am calling on you first, as I have always done and shall continue to do on all senior Senators wives, and nothing short of the White House will prevent me from first calls right along wherever I have made them before. I shall get them all made before January, too, and then I shall be ready to have them returned." It will be seen that Mrs. Ingalls wasted no time on the question whether, as the wife of the President of the Senate, she should stay at home to maintain the new dignity, or, like a sensible woman, do what she felt to be the right thing. It is hardly probable that a frank; sensible woman can do other than add to the dignity of her husband's office by so honest and simple a course of action, even in the very small trifle of first calls.

Miss Ingalls, the eldest daughter of Senator Ingalla, is one of several debutantes to come out after the holidays. She is a very pretty young woman of 19, with large dark eyes, sonny brown hair, and a faultless complexion. Miss Margaretta Cameron, the third daughter of Senator Cameron has two married daughters, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Rogers, and there is another daughter, Rachel Cameron, still in school, who is the youngest of the first Mrs. Cameron's children. With two young women in seciety, the Cameron house is likely to be full of life this season.

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"No: not yet. I am not confirmed." interrupted the probable new Supreme Court Justice, quite seriously.

"Oh, but you will be, and then, perhaps, I shall not have the chance to—"

"I can wait, anyhow," he again interrupted. "I'd rather give you the chance to congratulate me after I am confirmed than before. Lot us wait till we are sure, at any rate."

Secretary and Mrs. Lumar will give up their house about the lst of January and take apartments for the winter. There is no doubt that Mr. Lamar will find the change from the duties of the Interior Department to those of the court quite an agreeable one.

Representative Symes of Colorado has taken the handsome house just off Dupont Circle, formerly occupied by Secretary Manning, for the term of the Fiftish Congress.

The gayest day of the week, socially, was Thursday, when Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster gave a large tea reception to their guests, Mr. and Mrs. do Moran of Mexico. Perhaps no guest attracted more attention than the Chinese Minister, because of his fine jewels. A red topaz, quite an inch long, set with diamonds, was conspicuous on the front of his silk, closefitting cap. The Celestial official is fond of jewels and elegant brocades, and no woman's tollet is observed more closely by visitors than the Minister's. The tea was an elegant party, and from 4 to 7 the parlors were filled with a large and merry company.

Among the dinners of the week have been one at the British Legation and one given by Senator and Mrs. Palmer.

Senator Stanford's wife will give a series of recoptions in January.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 18 .- The members of the Universalist church who have been trying to make it warm for the Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine their pastor, on account of his sympathy with their pastor, on account of his sympathy with Henry George and Dr. McGlynn, failed to muster sufficient strength to oust him at the meeting to-day. The opposition announced on the floor of the church a meeting of the trustees on Thursday next. To this the pastor entered a protest and another little scene ensued, during which Mr. Grumbine said that he would retain his office at all hazards, having ascertained that that was the wish of the pew reaters. H. P. Hall, the Moderator of the church kept shouting "That's illegal" whenever the pastor attempted to speak, and created much merriment by saying the same thing when Mr. Grumbine announced the Doxology. The trades organizations have been passing resolutions/ofsympathy with Pastor Grumbine.

### A FEMALE BANDIT.

Unnided she Robbed a Stage and has Killed NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 18 .- The death is just

announced of one of the most remarkable women that Mexico has ever produced. Notwithstanding her strange and perilous career, she attained a ripe old age, and became one of the wealthiest women in the republic. woman was Señora Amastia Rubio de Pascadero. In her early womanhood she devoted her time to robbery, and if half the reports regarding her career are true, it is no wonder that she left a large fortune at her death. One her notable exploits was a stage robbery in the State of Zacatecas. One night she dressed herself in men's clothing, and, mounting a horse rode, from San Antonio to the Zacatecas and Agues Calientes stage road, where she waited in a grove for the south-bound stage to pass. As the postilions came up she commanded them with revolver in hand to halt, put out their torches, and fall to the rear of the coach, which was a few yards behind them. She then advanced upon the driver and keeper, who were made to dismount, expecting every moment to be shot from ambush, as she kept saying. "Don't shoot unloss they resist."

The passengers, eight in number, who were inside the stage, were led to believe from the female road agent's talk, that an armed party was in the brush, and when she came up and demanded their money, watches, and jewelry, they lost no time in obeying her. She then bade the passengers good night, and, after admonishing them not to move within half an hour, disappeared in the grove.

During her career she kliied a great many men, and for many years was a terror to the people of Sinaloa, Jalisco, and Sonora. Government troops and State troops chased her, but could never entrap her. It was said that the reason she gave for adopting such a mode of life was the murder by Federal troops of her intended husband years ago, when she was in her teens. She then made a vow that she would sill or ruin five men for every year she lived. She was one of the most noted bandits Mexico ever produced, although she was a woman. Before her death she related her strange history and bequeathed her immense fortune to charities. At her request she was buried beside her dead lover in her native town. San Antonio. pass. As the postilions came up she com-

An Ulster County Boy Murdered.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- News has just been received of the murder on Wednesday last in Kansas of young Samuel Eckert, Jr., the son of respectable parents in Elienville. The young man was a harnessmaker, and was of a generous and manly disposition, never quarrelsome or ugly. He went some months ago to Texas, and travelled through that State and the Indian Territory in the sewing machine business. About four weeks ago his partner ran away with the firm's outfit of horses, wagon, and machines, and young Eckert thereupon decided to quit the business, and seek his for-

decided to quit the business, and seek his fortune further west.

His parents received a letter from him last
Monday saying that he was about to start for
Colorado. The next heard of him is that he
had been killed by a pistol who in the Onsis
saloon in the little town of Wallace, on the berders of Kansas and Colorado. The despatches
intimate that he was the aggressor in a shooting affray with a cowboy named ThomasDunn, and that the latter "got the drop" on
him. These reports come from Dunn's associates, and give his side of the story, but no one
who knew young Eckert believes for a moment
that he wantonly provoked an encounter with
an entire stranger. His friends feel assured
that he was the victim of a foul assurantion,
and fear that, in the absence of friends to urge
on a prosecution, and under the loses methods
of administering justice prevailing on the frontier, the murderer may escape the penalty.

BOSTON, Dec. 18 .- The Rev. Mr. Justin D. Fulton yesterday wrote a letter to the Rand-Avery Company, which recently refused to print his book, "Why Priests Should Wed." submit-ting a communication from Anthony Comstock. ination of the book, he believes Dr. Fulton's ination of the book he believes Dr. Fulton's motives and intentions absolutely honest and right, and that the facts collected are absolutely true, supported by living witnesses. Dr. Fulton therefore demands that the printing company submit the proofs to the Attorney-General or any lawyer, and that if there is anything in them which they decide will make the company liable, the author will modify such portions. The Band-Avery Company has replied that under those conditions they will print the book. A MYSTERIOUS SKELETON.

They Thought They Knew Whose It Was, but Have Changed Their Minds. HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.-A mysterious human skeleton was buried at Chambersburg the other day by the Sheriff of the county, the remains having been in his office for five years past unclaimed, although up to a few months ago their identity was deemed unquestionable. The skeleton was found in a wild and isolated spot on the mountains in the northwestern part of Franklin county in the summer of 1882 It was near the house of David P. Devinney, a man who bore a bad reputation, and as his son George, aged 17, with whom he had had a quar

man who bore a bad reputation, and as his son George, aged 17, with whom he had had a quarrel, had disappeared suddenly in 1878 and never been heard of, it was at once believed that the skeleton was his and that his father had murdered him. The identity of the remains was made the more certain by a missing tooth, the boy Devinney having had a corresponding tooth missing. The elder Devinney was attested on the charge of murdering his son, and but for the strategy of the officers the neighboring farmers would have lynched him.

No evidence could be produced showing that the old man was guilty, and he was discharged. The skeleton was placed in a box in the Sheriff's office, and was known all over the country as "George Devinney's bones." The elder Devinney's acquittal did not change the universal popular verdict that he was guilty.

A few months ago the community was startled by the appearance of George Devinney alive and well. He had run away, he said, and going to Colorado had made money. He had never heard of his alleged murder, the finding of his skeleton, or the arrest and trial of his father charged with being his slayer. The return of the supposed victim of a tragedy made the skeleton in the Sheriff's office more of a mystery than ever. No one else was missing in the neighborhood, and as there seemed to be no hope of any one appearing who could identify the bones and clear up the mystery, the Sheriff of Adams county the other day ordered the skeleton removed from his office and buried.

Diseased Cattle and Horses in Maine. BANGOR, Dec. 18 .-- Within the past year or two the breeders of fine cattle in this State have met with great losses, many splendid herds having become affected by tuberculosis, and numbers of them dying. The Cattle Compose of stamping out contagion, has accomplished considerable good, but the appropriation at their disposal is so small that the Commissioners are unable to do one-half the work needed for the well-being of our stock interests. They are obliged to pay for every cow they order killed, and as the State appropriation at present only averages \$2,500 a year, if disease should get into a valuable herd like that of the late Gov. Bodwell, the whole sum might be wiped out at one killing, \$200 each being allowed for blooded animals.

The Commissioners also have to pay for horses they order killed, \$500 having been disbursed in this manner at Oldtown last week. There were several sales of Western bronches here last fall, and it is now discovered that many of the animals are affected with that terrible disease, the glanders, which has spread in various localities among native stock. Several of the bronches have been killed, and the Commissioners say that no more sales of such stock will be allowed in the State. plished considerable good, but the appropria

The New Process of Sugar Making.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18 .- A despatch from the Government diffusion experiment station on ex-Gov. Warmoth's plantation says: "The second sugar from the run of Dec. "The second sugar from the run of Dec. 3 has been dried out and weighed, and shows a product of 40 pounds to the ton, ten pounds more than was estimated. Added to the first sugar—140.1—this makes a total of 186 pounds to the ton from cane, polarizing 12.26 sucrose and .99 glucose. Theoretically, the available sugar in this particular lot of cane was 194 pounds of sugar to the ton. This is a gain of about ten per cent, over the best average made by the most improved processes other than diffusion."

The big clothing firm of George A. Castor The big clothing firm of George A. Castor & Co., which occupies the stores at Eighteenth street and Broadway and at 267 Breadway, is enabled to make you a fine suit of clothes for a moderate price, parily because they carry on only a cash business, and are therefore not obliged to have an extra margin for profit on account of losses through had customers. They also purchase their material directly from the manufacturers, and thus avoid paying intermediate profits of conducting the business. They filter themselves, and not without a good deal of reason, that they can turn out as good a suit of clothes for as little money as any firm in the country, and they will do the work just at the time they promise to do it and exactly as you want it done. MORE BUSINESS THAN IT CAN DO.

A Crush in the Pennsylvania Railroad-Continuous Line of Freight Trains. HARRISBURG, Dec. 18 .- During the past week the Pennsylvania Railroad has had more business than it could take care of, and during the entire week schedule regulations for the running of freight trains have been disregarded. At this point the greatest difficulty has been experienced. It is here that the trains are properly made up. Freight trains bound westward are brought this far in a mixed condition, and here they are formed into classified trains. The cars that go west of Pittsburgh are arranged together and those for local distribution are put by themselves. The business of the company for the past week has been greater than ever known for the same period in the history of the big corporation. Crushes or blockades have been known before, but they never continued longer than a single day. But this time the crush has already lasted for a week, and there seems no probability of its letting up until after Christmas. Between 8 P. M. on Friday and 6 A. M. on Saturday eighteen large trains were received in the yards here, and twenty were despatched. These trains averaged fifty cars each. Last night the snow storm blocked the road, and the yards were all confusion. Trains could not be handled at all and there was an almost continuous line of freight cars from Columbia to Altoona.

BANGOR, Dec. 18 .- Citizen George Francis Train, after a zigzag trip through Maine, lecturing at Bangor and various other points to exceedingly slim audiences, has finally brought up in New Brunswick, where he will take a hand in the moulding of provincial public opinion, through the medium of the press. He has assumed a liberal share of the editorial work of the Sussex Record and the St. John Sal-urday Gazette, and, it is said, will soon begin to urday Gazette, and, it is said, will soon begin to stir things up in the columns of a Fredericton weekly. Cittzen George says he is disgusted with the United States and with Bangor in particular; he considers the people of this city a set of boors, they having laughed uproariously when in the course of his harangue here he slapped his knee and yelled, "How is that for high?"

Since he has been in New Brunswick he has redeemed his gold watch, which he pawned in this city, and at present appears to be getting along swimmingly. One day recently he felt rather homesick, however, and said that he longed to see the children and Madison square once more. It is more than likely that he will soon tire of New Brunswick fogs and hie him back to Gotham.

William Showers Convicted of Murder.

LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 18 .- The jury in the case of William Showers, charged with the murder of his two grand children, after being out ten hours, brought in a verdict this morning of murder in the first degree. The verdict gives very general satisfaction. Showers, who is possessed of a comfortable estate, will carry the case to the Supreme Court.

Ludwig Baumann & Co. of 512 Eighth ave-

Ludwig Baumann & Co. of 512 Eighth avenue have just taken in a stock of holiday nevelties in household goods that for cheapness and quality are hard to beat. Bronzes of all kinds, mantel ornaments, desks of antiquefdesigna chiffonnieres pier mirrors, desks of antiquefdesigna chiffonnieres pier mirrors, the state of the articles that Baumann at O. are prepared to sell at prices that for reasonable ness are probably unsurpassable. They make a specialty of folding beds of which they have a large assortment of the most approved patterns. The man who can't go to sleep on one of these beds must be afflicted with a very had case of insomnia. Many other kinds of beds are procurable at Baumann's, also mattresses for the beds, and bedroom furniture.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-A. R. Parsons's book, "The

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A. II. Parsons's book, "The Philosophy of Anarchism," was issued yesterday in bright reddish colors. One chapter brings out some new points in regard to the trial of the Anarchista. It appears that Lawyer Poster and Capi. Black were fundamentally at variance as to the incibod of conducting the case, but that Poster carried the day in the councils, and had had a process and the property of the control of the piquant feature, the book of the piquant feature, the case of the piquant feature of the case of the piquant feature of the piqu

Fargo, Dec. 18.-In Chambers here a divorce was given yesterday to Mrs. Mate Neel from Pierre Neel, a broker in New York city, on the ground of desertion and failure to support. She is the daughter of Judge Wakeman, oace Surveyor of the Fort of New York and a noted politician and iswyer. The plaintiff has been considered the handsometi woman in Fargo during her two years' residence Lere. MAINE'S CHAMPION CRANK.

He Builds a Mill on a Militop to Illustrate BANGOR, Dec. 18 .- In Whiting, Washington county, lives an old fellow named Gunther, who has acquired the title of "Champion Crank of

Maine." He recently completed, after months of hard work and at considerable expense, a saw and grist mill upon the summit of a lofty hill. On the side of the building is a big overshot wheel, while just under the roof is an immense tank. Uncle Gunther, who is a religious fanatic of the first order, says that he built the mill to convince people that all prayers will be gree of faith. He declares that God will send rain enough to fill the tank and keep the mill wheel going whenever he prays for it. One of his neighbors asked him, "What's the matter with building the mill down on the etream?" to which the old fellow replied that it wasn't a mill he was after, but a method of reclaiming sinners. The mill hasn't started yet, but Unele Gunther says he hasn't asked for any rain yet. He thinks the neighbors will all be converted in time, and meanwhile the mill on the hill will serve as a landmark.

A Case of Faith Cure.

ELMIRA, Dec. 18 .- Mrs. W. H. Loughead with her husband and son, lives at 105 West Hudson street, this city. Ten days ago she was taken violently ill with stomach difficulty. One of our best physicians was called, but she grew rapidly worse from Thursday of last week until a week ago to-night. She could keep nothing on her stomach and vomited inces-santly. On Monday her death was thought santly. On Monday her death was thought near. The family are Second Adventists and keep Saturday as their Sabbath. As a last resort Dr. Loughead of Alba Pa, an elder in that church, was sent for. The Elder arrived on Monday last, and immediately hold a prayer meeting in the sick room. The husband, son and several neighbors were present. After reading several passages from the Bible touching cases of faith and offering prayers, the Elder anointed the sick woman with sweet oil, and, taking her by the hand, said:

"Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, I command you to arise."

Mrs. Loughead immediately arose and walked to a rocking chair in another room. She ate some rice and all pain had left her, and, although her former strength has not returned as yet, still she says she is gaining every day, and she goes about her duties as usual. Today she is on the road to perfect health, and attributes her recovery solely to the faith cure.

An Important Collection of Bric-a-bras. D. Watson & Co., dealers in bric-a-brac and and curios, will have an auction sale on Jan. 4 at their place of business 720 Broadway. It will be one of the largest sales of the kind ever known in this country. place of business, 720 Sroadway. It will be one of the largest sales of the kind ever known in this country, and perhaps in the world. The collection consists of about 3,800 places, and is valued at \$400,000. It is made up in part of places bought at the Duke of Hamilton's sale in 1882, which brought nearly \$2,000,000, of others bought in the Christopher Becket Denison sale is London in 1889, and many more picked up in the old houses, churches, and palaces of Great Britain and the Continent. A very striking thing is a built cabinet of the sixteenth century, initial with ivory, part, and torotoes shell. Secretary Whitney has the centre place, and the cabinet itself is valued at \$1,700. There are nearly a dogon beautifully carved oakes chairs and a Uhippendale bedatead, which is a marvel of beauty. The collection of jew is by all odds the most unique ever offered for sale in America. Some of the antique watches and iniaid sand boxes and other similar articles are sure to excite lively competition when it cames to be decided who shall own them. There are four blue silk curtains with heavy less ornamentation, which can havely be matched for beauty, and which are broaded who had own them. There are four blue silk curtains with heavy less ornamentation, which can havely be matched for beauty, and which are present to King William and Queen Mary of Kngland when it came from the carver's hands, and through the order of furniture.

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